

14. The composition of claim 13 comprising from about 3 to about ²⁰~~14~~ percent by weight of the total composition of the polyethylene solidifying agent.

15. The composition of claim 14 comprising about ⁷~~10~~ percent by weight of the total composition of the polyethylene solidifying agent.

16. The composition of claim 14 wherein the non-volatile silicone fluid has a viscosity of less than 500 centistokes.

17. The composition of claim 16 wherein the non-volatile silicone fluid has a viscosity of between 5 and 500 centistokes.

18. The composition of claim 13 wherein the non-volatile silicone fluid includes a phenyl trimethicone.

19. The composition of claim 13 wherein the non-volatile silicone fluid is a phenyl trimethicone.

20. The composition of claim 13 additionally comprising a non-silicone fluid oil.

21. The composition of claim 20 wherein the oil is jojoba oil.
22. The composition of claim 20 wherein the oil is selected from the group consisting of esters derived from fatty alcohols and esters derived from fatty acids.
23. The composition of claim 13 additionally comprising a colorant.
24. The composition of claim 23 wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of metal oxides and organic pigments.
25. The composition of claim 24 wherein the metal oxide is selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide and iron oxide.
26. The composition of claim 13 additionally comprising a sunscreen.
27. The composition of claim 13 additionally comprising a pharmacologically active material.
28. The composition of claim 27 wherein the pharmacologically active material is a dermatologically active material.

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29. A solid silicone composition suitable for topical application to human skin or hair which comprises:

(a) from about 3 to about 30 percent by weight of the total composition of a polyethylene solidifying agent which is a straight-chain homopolymer of polyethylene having an average molecular weight of about 500 or less as measured by vapor pressure osmometry;

(b) from about 10 to about 97 percent by weight of the total composition of the total composition of a non-volatile silicone fluid;

(c) from about 0.5 to about 85 percent by weight of the total composition of a non-silicone fluid oil; and

(d) from about 1 to about 40 percent by weight of the total composition of a colorant.

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30. A method for preparing a solid silicone composition suitable for topical application to skin or hair, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) mixing a non-volatile silicone fluid with a polyethylene solidifying agent which is a straight-chain homopolymer of polyethylene having an average molecular weight of about 500 or less as measured by vapor pressure osmometry at a temperature and for a time sufficient to dissolve the polyethylene solidifying agent in the silicone fluid, the amount of materials being adjusted such that the resultant mixture contains from about 3 to about 30 percent by weight of the total composition of the polyethylene solidifying agent and from about 10 to about 97 percent by weight of the total composition of the silicone fluid;

(b) allowing the mixture to cool to about ambient temperature.

31. A solid silicone composition prepared according to the method of claim 30.

32. A skin treatment composition comprising the solid silicone composition of claims 13 or 31.

33. A lipstick composition comprising the solid silicone composition of claims 13 or 31.

34. A makeup composition comprising the solid silicone composition of claims 13 or 31.

Acnt 35. A solid silicone composition of claim 13 or 31 wherein said non-volatile silicone fluid is present in an amount ranging from 23-97 percent by weight.

36. The composition of claim 26 wherein said sunscreen comprises titanium dioxide or zinc oxide.

37. The composition of claim 13 additionally comprising a dye.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

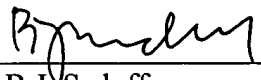
Claims 1-37 are pending.

Claims of the present application correspond exactly or substantially to all the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,648,066, which issued July 15, 1997 (copy attached) from Application 538,550, filed October 3, 1995. The applicants note the existence of their parent U.S. Patent No. 5,556,613, which issued September 17, 1996, based on U.S. Application No. 377,382, filed January 25, 1995; which claimed priority to FR 94 00843, filed January 26, 1994. FR 94 00843 (2 715 294) published July 28, 1995.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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